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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR GASTRIC  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 22, 2007. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 22, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.